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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE CONGRESS TO ENACT MEANINGFUL MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LIABILITY REFORM.

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1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, a fair and efficient legal system that is free from frivolous
4 and abusive litigation is necessary for a vibrant economy and access to
5 affordable health care; and

6 Whereas, rapidly increasing medical malpractice awards are driving up
7 malpractice insurance premiums, reducing access to health care and fueling
8 the rapid growth in health care costs; and

9 Whereas, frivolous medical lawsuits lead to hospitals closing their
10 doors, doctors refusing to see new patients and, in some cases, forcing
11 doctors to leave for other states; and

12 Whereas, reasonable caps on damages protect patients from the rising
13 costs of and diminishing access to health care that result from lawsuit
14 abuse; and

15 Whereas, victims who suffer losses should receive the majority of
16 damage awards, not the victims' attorneys; and

17 Whereas, lawsuits filed in a timely fashion promote fairness for all
18 parties; and

19 Whereas, medical malpractice reforms that enact caps on damages, allow
20 for the inclusion of collateral source payments in jury considerations and
21 impose time limits on filing of lawsuits will enhance access to health care,
22 lower medical premiums and lower the cost of health care.

23 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State
24 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

25 1. That the Congress of the United States enact meaningful medical
26 malpractice liability reform.

27 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
28 of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
29 the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from
30 the State of Arizona.